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Cop to be charged in teen's shooting death

- Officer Richard Haste expected to turn himself in for death of Ramarley Graham
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► Ramarley Graham, 18, was shot to death in the bathroom of his home by Officer Richard Haste in February. Police thought the teen was armed with a gun, but he was unarmed. Police suspect he may have been trying to dispose of a small amount of marijuana by flushing it down the toilet.

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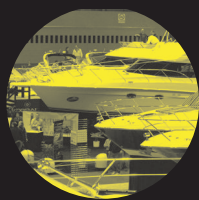
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In the news

Accused of lying to get into Columbia

A young man related to the president of Kazakhstan allegedly lied his way into the prestigious Columbia University. Daniyar Nazarbayev, whose stepdad is the brother of Kazak President Nursultan Nazarbayev, is accused of filing fictitious paperwork about his transcript to get into the Ivy League school, according to a suit filed in Manhattan court. **METRO/DB**

In the news



Explosion joke?

A report of a yacht that exploded 17 miles out to sea yesterday may be a hoax, because the U.S. Coast Guard said they cannot find any evidence of the damaged craft in the water. Authorities said they got a radio transmission from a boat identifying itself as the Blind Date saying the vessel had sunk but everyone aboard was alive, although some were injured. **METRO/CB**

Wheels of misfortune

► NYC transit group asks NYPD to reform traffic accident investigations ► Say vehicular deaths are the city's most pressing problem ► Man sues after wife hit, killed in Fort Greene

The most deadly weapon in New York City is not a knife or even a handgun.

It's a motor vehicle.

That's what transit advocates said yesterday, revealing that more people were killed by cars in the past decade than by guns.

According to transit advocacy group Transportation Alternatives, citing city data, 3,923 New Yorkers were killed in traffic from 2001 to 2010 — more than the 3,882 murdered by guns in that same time span.

Transportation Alternatives argued yesterday that police should funnel resources toward combating car crashes that kill New Yorkers, the way cop crackdowns on gun violence have slowed the murder rate.

"The NYPD must prioritize the crimes that hurt the most people," the group's director, Paul Steely White, said.

Instead, the group argues,



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► The corner of Delancey and Essex streets has been named one of the most dangerous intersections in the city.

48,556

Transportation Alternatives reported that the NYPD ticketed about twice as many cyclists — 48,556, according to Council testimony — as drivers.

25K In comparison, cops ticketed about 25,000 truck drivers, like the one that killed Mathieu Lefevre. Lefevre was killed last year when a truck hit him in Brooklyn.

the NYPD does not immediately investigate every traffic accident — even those involving traumatic injuries.

Transportation Alternatives reported yesterday that police only investigate 10 percent of

about 3,000 crashes that seriously injure New Yorkers.

The NYPD has 19 detectives in its Accident Investigation Squad, but the officers are only called to the scene of a crash when a victim is dead or likely to die, according to Transportation Alternatives.

On the steps of City Hall yesterday morning, advocates demanded that Mayor Michael Bloomberg and the NYPD fix the way they investigate traffic crashes.

The group wants Bloomberg to create a task force to overhaul the investigations.

"The police investigate all potentially criminal incidents, not only murders, so why should traffic accidents be any different?" said Councilman Peter Vallone, chair of the Public Safety Committee.

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Brooklyn man sues after wife's death

BROOKLYN. Last July, while crossing Dekalb and Vanderbilt avenues in Fort Greene, a car struck Clara Heyworth, 28, on her way to meet her husband, Jacob Stevens. She

died from her injuries, which included blunt trauma to her head and lower right side, according to court documents.

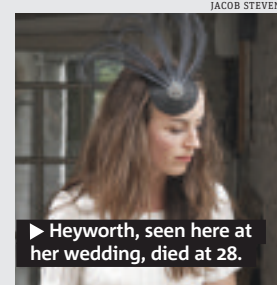
Stevens filed a lawsuit yesterday, alleging that cops did not do enough to investigate the crash.

In Heyworth's case, an NYPD officer requested investigators on the scene at

2:06 a.m., but the request was canceled at 2:59 a.m., according to documents, apparently because Heyworth was still alive.

The court documents allege that the driver, Anthony Webb, who was driving with a learner's permit, was speeding and had been drinking.

Cops eventually



JACOB STEVENS

► Heyworth, seen here at her wedding, died at 28.

investigated the case, but Stevens said the delay meant that they missed much of the evidence, such as measuring skid marks, taking photographs, identifying witnesses or getting videotapes.

"Webb's outrageous conduct will go unpunished, because the NYPD failed to investigate," wrote Stevens in the lawsuit. **METRO/AB**

Cop to turn himself in over death of teenager

An NYPD officer is expected to turn himself in tomorrow to face manslaughter charges in the death of a Bronx teenager shot in his bathroom.

Richard Haste, 30, a four-year NYPD veteran, allegedly shot to death Ramarley Graham, 18, earlier this year.

Haste faces first- and second-degree manslaughter charges after a grand jury indicted him, according to reports yesterday.

"We expect an indictment and are waiting for it," the family's attorney, Jeffrey Emdin,

told the New York Post.

In February, Haste was assigned to an undercover street narcotics unit where officers thought Graham was acting suspiciously. Officers reportedly said they thought they saw a gun in the teen's waistband.

They followed him into his apartment on East 229th Street in the Wakefield section of the Bronx. Graham was hiding in his bathroom when cops burst into the apartment. Haste shot him, said police. **METRO/AB**



► Surveillance footage shows officers trying to kick in the door of Graham's home on East 229th Street.

First since Bell

Haste is the first cop to be indicted on manslaughter charges since Sean Bell was shot in 2006 by police on his wedding day in Queens.

► Five police officers shot more than 50 bullets. Two detectives were charged with manslaughter, but they were acquitted in April 2008. In March, one officer was fired, and three others were forced to resign over the incident.

Cop 'felt terrible'

NEW YORK. Since the shooting, the NYPD has said that Haste did not receive proper training to serve in the unit.

A colleague told the Daily News that Haste "felt terrible" about the incident.

"He didn't want the kid to die," the colleague told the newspaper. "He feels bad. But it happened very fast."

Haste has been reassigned to desk duty. He faces up to 25 years in prison if convicted.

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► Riders said increased L train service meant fewer people clogging the platform while waiting for the train yesterday morning.

The platforms at the Bedford Avenue L train stop were noticeably less packed than usual at 8 a.m. yesterday morning, the first weekday of the MTA's expanded L train service.

"There's usually way more people," Brooklyn local Jarek Markocai observed. "Between 8 and 9 in the morning is always the worst."

To the delight of riders, the MTA has added 16 more round trips on the L line each weekday, plus 11 more on Saturdays and seven more on Sundays. The biggest change could be noticed in train wait times: L trains now will run just under every three minutes during the morning rush hour, up from having to wait an average of three and a half minutes for the next train.

Satisfied riders

Several morning commuters agreed that the 16 new trains have already made a big difference.

► **"I wish they'd do it to the A line, too!"**

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About half the trains that arrived between 7:45 and 9:30 a.m. yesterday were still jam-packed. But on the other half, a seat could be found, a rarity on a Monday morning. But the biggest change by far, riders said, were the significantly less crowded platforms.

In fact, at 8:50 a.m. the waiting platform seemed actually barren in comparison to the usual crowd.

"The people waiting are usually three people deep," remarked Helder Santo, who said he had to spend a frustrating 15 minutes waiting for an L train last week.

The MTA added the trains in response to the surge in L ridership over the past decade. Ridership on the line has grown by 141 percent since 1998, according to the MTA.

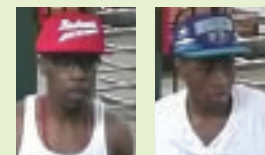
"As new residents and visitors flock to North Brooklyn, this is a big step," said state Sen. Daniel Squadron, who petitioned the MTA to add more trains.

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Robbery along the L

WILLIAMSBURG. Police are asking for the public's help in identifying two teenage boys who they said stole a woman's cell phone and cash while she was waiting at the Lorimer Street L station on Sunday evening.

The alleged robbery happened at 5 p.m., said police. Officials described the sus-



pects as two black teens, both wearing white shirts and black pants. Pictures released show one wearing a blue hat and the other wearing a red hat and black glasses. ● **METRO/DB**

Fatal LIRR accident

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. A man is dead after an LIRR train crashed into his car, which was stopped on the tracks just west of the Central Islip station early yesterday morning. The train slammed into the car at the gate crossing, causing it to burst into flames on impact. The driver was killed immediately, according to reports. No train passengers were injured. ● **METRO/DB**



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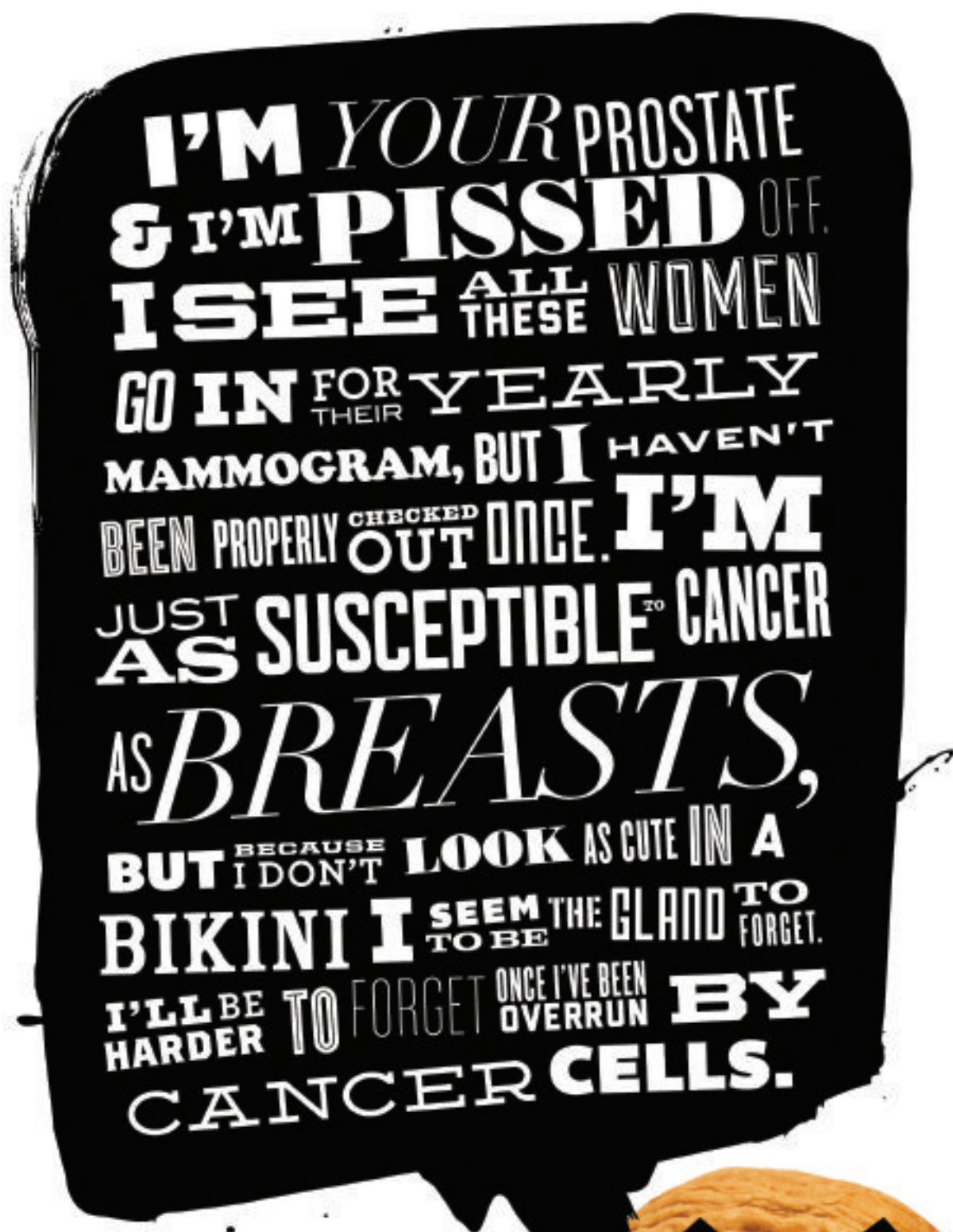
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'Obama Girl' 'not as excited' for Barack this time

► Sexy star of 2007 YouTube hit says her crush on Obama has faded ► Said she had hoped for more improvement on the economy and immigration reform

Obama has lost a possible endorsement for November that would have seemed obvious — Obama Girl.

Contrary to the song that made her famous in 2007, Amber Lee Ettinger, star of the viral video "Crush on Obama," can't say whether she'll be voting for Obama in the upcoming presidential election.

"Last time I was singing and dancing about him on rooftops and subways," Ettinger told Metro yesterday. "But now I guess I'm just hard-

"You better step up, ... 'cause across the land ... all our hearts were bet on you." ETTINGER

er to please, a little smarter, and just unsure."

Specifically, Ettinger said she had hoped the economy and immigration reform would have progressed more during Obama's term in the

White House.

The 29-year-old Pennsylvania native appeared in the video while living in Jersey City. She is now taking acting classes at Edgemar Acting Studio in California, and admits that Obama is just one man with a heavy burden to bear.

"We all had such high expectations for him and maybe it was too much," said Ettinger. "I hate to say it, but it's like a relationship where you realize that nobody is perfect and he does have flaws."



► Young female voters like Ettinger, shown here in her famous "Crush on Obama" video, are expected to be crucial in helping Barack win re-election this fall.

Young love fades

Ettinger became known as "Obama Girl" after a YouTube video of her singing a song about her love for the then-U.S. senator went viral during the 2008 presidential election. 24.5 million hits later, Ettinger is still known for her doting lyrics.

► "I can't leave you alone," she

sings while clad in a shirt with Obama's face on it. "Cause I've got a crush on Obama."

► But a video released by Ettinger earlier this year suggested her crush was weakening, pleading for Obama to "step it up."

► "You better step up, 'cuz I need that man, if my old crush on you was true," Ettinger sings. "Cause across the land ... all our hearts were bet on you."

The actress-model, who splits her time between California and New York, would not say who she is voting for. But she did say she's keeping her mind open.

"I don't like to be put in a box," said Ettinger, about choosing a Democrat versus a Republican. "I'll choose whatever it is that I find to be the right thing for me at the time."



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Witness accuses Sandusky of sex abuse as trial starts

► Former Penn State defensive coordinator branded as 'predatory pedophile' ► Could face 500-year sentence

The first witness called in the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse trial testified yesterday that the former Penn State assistant football coach treated him like "his girlfriend" when he was a young teenager, showering together and engaging in oral sex.

The testimony by the 28-year-old man came after jurors heard opening statements from prosecutors and the defense as the closely watched trial got under way in Pennsylvania.

The prosecution branded the 68-year-old Sandusky a "predatory pedophile" and said

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Sandusky faces 52 counts of sexual abuse against 10 boys.

his young victims remained silent only out of fear and shame. Defense lawyer Joe Amendola told the seven women and five men of the jury that Sandusky was a naive man filled with love and affection for young people.

"Jerry Sandusky, in my opinion, loves kids so much he does

things that none of us would ever think of doing," Amendola said.

Sandusky faces 52 counts of sexual abuse against 10 boys. If convicted, the former Penn State football defensive coordinator could be sentenced to more than 500 years in prison.

The opening witness called by prosecutors told jurors he met Sandusky when he was 13 years old, in 1996 or 1997. He said his relationship with Sandusky evolved from showering together after workouts at Pennsylvania State University facilities to the coach putting



► Former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky walks into the Centre County Courthouse before the first day of his child sex abuse trial yesterday, in Bellefonte, Pa.

his hand on his leg while driving in a car and then oral sex, as well as being lavished with gifts.

"It was basically like I was his girlfriend. It was the way I would treat my girlfriend," the

man testified.

A handwritten letter allegedly sent by Sandusky to this witness was placed into evidence yesterday. "I know that I have made my share of mistakes," it read. "There has been

love in my heart. My wish is that you care and have love in your heart."

Sandusky is accused of using the Second Mile, a charity he founded in 1977, to prey on needy young boys. **REUTERS**

News in brief

Robin Roberts of 'Good Morning America' battling blood disorder

NEW YORK. Robin Roberts, an anchor on ABC's "Good Morning America" program who beat breast cancer five years ago, said yesterday she has myelodysplastic syndrome, a blood disorder triggered by her cancer treatment.



► Roberts

Roberts, 51, who expects to undergo a bone marrow transplant this fall with her sister as a donor, learned of the diagnosis on the same day that GMA beat NBC's "Today" show in viewer ratings for the first time in 16 years, she said in a statement on the network's website.

"Talk about your highs and lows!" Roberts said.

"My doctors tell me I'm going to beat this — and I know it's true," she said in the statement.

The network's medical correspondent, Dr Richard Besser, said in a statement on

the website that he was consulting with Roberts about MDS, a rare malignant disorder of the bone marrow that typically affects elderly people and can sometimes be the result of cancer treatment. **REUTERS**

Commerce secretary had seizure in hit-and-run accident

WASHINGTON. U.S. Commerce Secretary John Bryson is being investigated for his role in two car crashes — including a hit-and-run accident near his Los Angeles-area



home over the weekend — that department officials linked to a seizure that left him unconscious

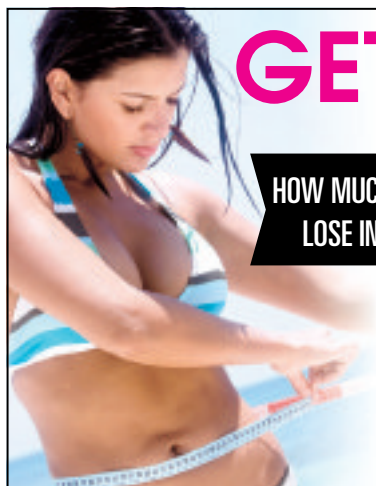
behind the wheel.

Bryson, who as commerce secretary oversees several agencies and focuses on business issues, was hospitalized in California but has returned to Washington, Commerce Department spokeswoman Jennifer Friedman said in a statement yesterday. The investigation into

the crashes is ongoing, she added.

Police in Southern California said Bryson was found unconscious on Saturday behind the wheel of his Lexus after crashing into the same car twice, leaving the scene and then colliding with another vehicle. At least one crash is being investigated as a felony hit-and-run.

It was not immediately clear what role the seizure played in the car crashes or if Bryson, 68, has been diagnosed with any underlying illnesses. **REUTERS**



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Europe bailout taking its toll on US markets

U.S. stocks fell yesterday as Europe's aid package for Spanish banks did little to alleviate investor concerns about the region's finances and the slowdown in the wider global economy.

Spanish bond yields rose as a bailout of up to \$125 billion for the country's struggling banks failed to quell concerns that Madrid may be locked out of funding markets and forced to seek external help. Some were also concerned that the new debt would subordinate existing bond holders.

"This is a realization that Spain, while providing money for its banks, is going to add to its debt-to-GDP ratio, and it's going to potentially subordinate some of the current Spanish sovereign debt, which does not make those bond-holders

happy," said Paul Zemsky, head of asset allocation at ING Investment Management.

"They're borrowing more money, not doing anything about growth," Zemsky said. "Today we're not worried about Spain's banking system falling off a cliff, but other than that, nothing has changed."

Investors fear a crisis in Spain would compound the currency bloc's troubles before June 17 elections in Greece, which many think could lead to Greece's exit from the euro zone.

The worries come at a time when economies the world over are showing signs of slowing. China's inflation, industrial output and retail sales all flagged in May. It was the second straight month of sluggish growth. **REUTERS**



► Protesters shout slogans against labor reform and the bailout at Puerta del Sol Square in Madrid, Spain.

Greek see a light

The friendly terms of an international rescue for Spain have encouraged Greek politicians to believe they can extract a better deal from creditors.

► In Greece, the radical, leftist SYRIZA party seized on the le-

nient Spanish bailout as evidence that austerity measures demanded of Athens in return for a European financial rescue plan had failed.

► "Since more countries are in the game, it's good for us because we will have the grounds to negotiate over better terms," said Eleni Karakoussi, 31, who said she intended to vote for SYRIZA.

Report: Dad's housework worth less than mom's

NEW YORK. Fathers of America, you may consider yourselves indispensable, but a new survey says you're only worth about one-third as much as mom around the house.

In fact, you are not even keeping up with inflation.

Insurance news and data website Insure.com released its annual Father's Day Index yesterday, an attempt to calculate the value in wage terms of the work a father typically does around the house.

The value this year was some \$20,248, about \$1,000 less than the inflation-adjusted value of 10 years ago.

By comparison, the website calculated a typical mother's household work at

\$.77 Research shows women make less than men for doing the same hours at the same jobs — 77 cents on the dollar, on average.

\$60,182 — nearly three times greater.

The website matched government wage data to 13 different fatherly household tasks to calculate the index. Among the jobs were barbecuing (matched to the U.S. Department of Labor's "cooks, all other"), killing spiders ("pest control workers") and mowing the lawn ("grounds maintenance workers").

REUTERS

Russia cracks down, raids rival leaders

MOSCOW. Russian police raided opposition leaders' homes yesterday and summoned them for questioning, disrupting

plans for a protest against President Vladimir Putin and suggesting he has lost patience with unrest. The early morning searches were an aggressive turn after months of opposition demonstrations. **REUTERS**

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OPEN LETTER TO MAYOR MICHAEL BLOOMBERG

June 12, 2012

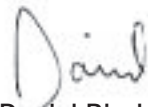
Dear Mayor Bloomberg,

We applaud your recent initiative to fight obesity. It's an issue we can't ignore. But we don't believe restricting the size of a soda cup is the answer. We think that a better solution is to give New Yorkers more control over what they drink, not less.

Did you know that New Yorkers are now making soda at home and at the office, with 2/3 fewer calories, and without high fructose corn syrup or aspartame? In fact, they're using NYC's finest tap water. It's happening around the world and now it's in New York.

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Daniel Birnbaum
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OLYMPICS HAVOC HURTS THE POOR

► Global Games add to the misery of the impoverished communities they were supposed to save ► Profits have taken precedence ► Learn about the quadrennial event's dark side: From predatory landlords to mass evictions

"He wanders around Westfield, dreaming about what he can't have," Carole Vincent says of her autistic son. "I'm not confident about finding a new place for him."

The glamor of the Olympic site's new shopping center is as close as Ashley Vincent, 23, can get to the \$15.55 billion renewal program in East London. He has just been evicted at short notice from his apartment near the site, along with three disabled housemates. His landlord has chosen to chase a fortune from short-term rentals. Demand has pushed rental prices

up to 400 percent higher around the site, and residents like Ashley lose their homes.

In Newham, London's most deprived borough, "hundreds" of local people have been evicted ahead of the Games, Anchor House shelter director Keith Fennett told Metro. Newham Council drew criticism in April over a plan to relocate 500 people to Northern England, a "pragmatic" policy which Fennett expects to see more of.

The evictions have inflamed a severe housing shortage, which had already forced people into desperate conditions.

There are an estimated 10,000 living in illegal extensions in Newham, "sheds and garages are being [leased]," says Fennett. Overcrowding is severe: "We've seen 38 living in a house."

Sim Sekhon, director of Legal 4 Landlords eviction specialists, confirmed to Metro that business is booming, and that even the previously comfortable are being dragged down. "London is the majority of our business now. Evictions are certainly increasing in the Olympic hot spots. Landlords are cashing in on short-term [rentals] and people who have

done nothing wrong are replaced. Even the middle classes are being affected."

The Olympic legacy was supposed to solve the housing crisis and regenerate rundown areas. London Mayor Boris Johnson recently claimed 10,000 "affordable" homes would come out of the Games. But the only new housing being built in Newham is high-end, far beyond the means of its cash-strapped community.



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► The Olympics are big business, but the downtrodden don't tend to benefit. Complaints from residents to local government have failed, as councils say they have no power to regulate private landlords. "There is nothing to prevent soaring rents because there is no protection for tenants," Shadow Housing Minister Jack Dromey told Metro. "The Olympics are a triumph for Britain but it's wrong that thousands of local people are paying the price for it."

Mayor Mike, instead of banning jumbo soda, help people get off their cans.

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More than 2 million people have been displaced by the last six Olympic Games, the Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions claim.

1.25M

Beijing is the worst offender, according to the Switzerland-based group, having forcibly moved 1.25 million residents for the 2008 Games.

720K

It is estimated that 720,000



people were displaced in 1988, in Seoul, South Korea, including through mass demolitions and imprisonment.

30K

For the 1996 Games in Atlanta, up to 30,000 lost their homes when public housing was demolished.

100s

More than 600 families were evicted in Barcelona 1992, and hundreds of Greek gypsies were forced out in 2004.

Another summer of rage?

LONDON. Riots are the No. 1 threat to the Olympics, according to the Home Office director-general of security. Last year, 15,000 people participated in the worst public disorder Britain has seen in 20 years, in which five people died and several major

cities were reduced to chaos.

The potential for new unrest remains, with the U.K. back in recession, and unemployment and poverty growing. The Olympic site is located in the East end of London, which saw some of the most violent riots last year. Several activist groups are planning to target the Olympics for protests, such as the extremist Coalition of Resistance. ● **MWN**

60 seconds with ...

'WE WANT TO ... PROSECUTE ROGUE LANDLORDS'

Metro spoke with David Cox, policy officer of the National Landlords Association:

Are landlords evicting and exploiting more tenants in the Olympic boroughs?

Most of our landlords want long-term tenancies. We advise landlords that if they have good tenants to keep



► Cox

them instead of making a lot of money for a few weeks and then having no guarantee of finding replacements. We are aware of some unscrupulous landlords, but

we could call them criminals not landlords, taking advantage of vulnerable people. That is a rogue minority that taints the majority, in the bottom 5 percent of the sector.

How much more can landlords make from short-term lets?

We've heard four times as much in the Olympic boroughs. At this time hotel capacity is still only 80 percent so when that's exhausted there could be higher prices.

Does the sector need more regulation?

Private renting collapsed last time there were rent controls in the 1960s. We want to see local authorities prosecute rogue landlords. Intelligence-led enforcement is the best way to root them out.



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Brand is going for this look, thank you

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► Brand might have to lose the aviators for his next role.

Cruise on rocking out

While Brand essentially plays some version of himself in "Rock of Ages," professional pretty boy **Tom Cruise** spent a little more time in the makeup chair getting into character, and it freaked out daughter **Suri**.

ter **Suri**.

"When I had the eyeliner and the painted nails, [Suri] was a little taken aback by it," the actor told **Ryan Seacrest** on his radio show yesterday morning. "She was like, 'What's happening to my dad?'"

Poor kid! This image is right up there with drunk, homeless Jesus.

He was on home turf and brought his mom as a date, but even still, **Russell Brand** couldn't catch a break at the London premiere of "Rock of Ages." While the comedian walked the red carpet for his new film, fans yelled that he looked like "Jesus" and a "homeless person."

Brand — like most people confined to skin-tight jeans and ornamental cowboy boots — didn't risk getting in a fight, instead taking it as a compliment. "I'd like to play Jesus, and wasn't he homeless for a while too?" he answered, according to U.K. newspaper *The Mirror*.

He also admitted that his role as a rocker with a wild streak wasn't that much of a stretch. "When I was lying on the toilet floor, I thought, 'Hello, here we are again on my own,'" says Brand, who struggled publicly with drugs and alcohol before sobering up.



The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Ashton Kutcher isn't sure about some new legislation, Nicole Richie is tired of dealing with diva behavior, Julianne Moore needs better sports advice and Seth MacFarlane wants some changes in the music industry.

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My cat wants to drop her last name and only go by "Gypsy," that egotistical bitch

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@SethMacFarlane

From now on, songs are no longer allowed to use the words "baby" or "yeah."



Moore

Talking points

Lively on being in love, being a foodie

Blake Lively, who is happily dating "Green Lantern" co-star **Ryan Reynolds**, looks for two things in a man: a sense of style and a passion for food. "It's definitely attractive when a man can dress well," Lively tells *Marie Claire* magazine. "What I love most is when someone, guy or girl, is effortless and has this old-timey sort of feel [that] you could take a snapshot of them and they could exist in any time period." And as for the culinary side? "To be around me, you must love food or I'm the most obnoxious person you've ever met," she says. "I'm in a big cooking phase. That's all I'll talk about."



Chong

Chong treating cancer with hemp

Tommy Chong, one half of comedy duo Cheech & Chong and a longtime marijuana enthusiast, has revealed that he was diagnosed with prostate cancer — and he's using cannabis to treat the condition, according to CNN. Chong says he started seeing

symptoms eight years ago "while incarcerated for selling drug paraphernalia," he says. Chong is using hemp oil to fight his "slow state one" cancer, "so [legalizing marijuana] means a lot more to me than just being able to smoke a joint without being arrested," he says.

Gaga: The show must go on

Lady Gaga reportedly suffered a concussion after a backup dancer accidentally whacked her in the head with a pole during a concert in Auckland, New Zealand, according to *Us Weekly*. But while she was seen staggering backward after the blow, the singer continued, finishing her show. "Gaga has a concussion, but she is going to be OK," her makeup artist, Tara Savello, posted to Twitter Monday. "Can't believe she finished the show."

Lohan may face lawsuit

Not surprisingly, the truck driver involved in a car crash with **Lindsay Lohan** over the weekend has hired a lawyer.

According to TMZ, he claims he saw a doctor on Sunday but

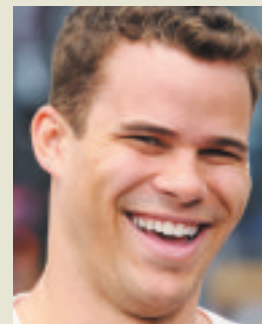
would not disclose the injuries he suffered after the actress slammed into the back of his 18-wheeler.

We get that it's not easy to give Lindsay a break (especially on a slow news day), but come on — her pocket-size Porsche is in the same league as a chubby rollerblader.

Humphries meets his match

Kris Humphries is meeting with the FBI this week to discuss texts and e-mails from his not-girlfriend, **Myla Sinanaj**, reports RadarOnline. The former Mr. Kardashian believes Sinanaj is attempting to extort him after a casual relationship ended.

"Myla is truly acting like woman scorned. She didn't get what she wanted from Kris and threatened to go to the press and ruin him if he didn't pay her off," a source tells the site. "Kris had to go to the FBI because he truly believes that she is capable of making up



crazy lies about him. Kris will fully cooperate with the FBI and do anything that is asked of him."

Wait — this girl wants money and publicity from him after a short, questionable relationship? Kris, this might be as close as you get to a soul mate.



► Smart and Lopez aren't engaged, the singer says.

Don't be fooled by the rocks

Jennifer Lopez stepped out recently with boyfriend **Casper Smart** — and an eye-catching diamond ring on her left hand,

prompting engagement talk about the couple. But Lopez is quick to shoot them down. "Rumors! Don't be fooled by the rocks that I got," Lopez says in a statement, quoting one of her hit songs. "No engagement!"



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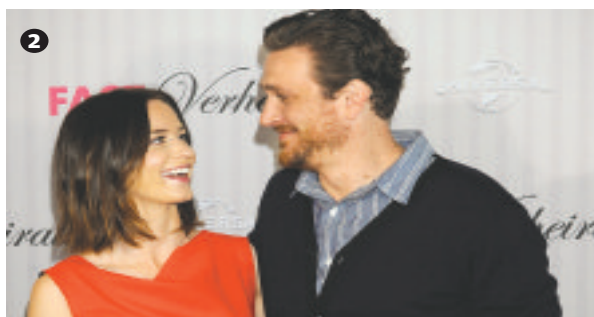
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The party don't start till Joan Collins walks in

1 Tony Awards host Neil Patrick Harris got to wind down at the after party with partner David Burdka after Sunday night's show.

2 Emily Blunt is living our sitcom dream life: She's married to Jim (aka John Krasinski) and is hopping around Europe promoting "The Five-Year Engagement" with Jason Segel.

3 Yes and yes: Joan Collins was on the red



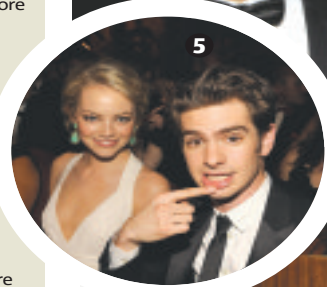
carpet at Sunday's Monte Carlo TV Festival.

4 Nick Jonas and John Stamos were looking mischievous at the Tony Awards after-party.

5 We wish cuties Emma Stone and Andrew Garfield sat next to each other more often. The "Amazing Spider-Man" co-stars attended the Tony Awards together on Sunday night.

6 Lady Gaga looked amazing at the Brisbane Airport yesterday. But then again, we're pretty sure she had unlimited hot towels.

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Todd Solondz's legacy of losers

► The indie director's latest film explores the life of a lonely man-child in the lovely New Jersey suburbs

No one has satirized the middle-class, Jewish suburbia of New Jersey quite like director Todd Solondz. From his first film, "Welcome to the Dollhouse" in 1995, to 2009's film "Life During Wartime" (featuring a family who has fled New Jersey for the sunny beaches of Florida), Solondz has a knack for capturing those unremarkable, discontented lives — skewering them and then sympathizing with them from one moment to the next.

Mr. Solondz's most recent film is no different. In "Dark Horse," Abe (Jordan Gelber) is chubby man in his mid-30s, living with his parents and working for his father's real estate company. When Abe meets a similarly stunted, heavily narcotized woman (Selma Blair) at a wedding and consequently proposes to her, his world begins to unravel. We sat down



► Solondz

with Mr. Solondz to discuss the film, man-children and moments in life that inspire him.

Many describe your filmmaking as exploring the darker side of suburbia. What do you think of that description?

I don't know. I suppose if that's to mean that I have addressed controversial subject matter, then if it's to be defined in that

way I suppose one would have to say yes. I don't really think in terms of "oh this is dark or light." I just think about characters and stories that compel me and that excite me and move me, and see what comes of it. It's not quite as calculated as you might think.

When do you know you've just observed something that you want to put into a script?

I don't know, it's a mystery to me. I don't mean to be evasive — it really is. I've been writing since I'm reading, so it's not a new process for me. Things enter one's head in unpredictable ways, but writing is about sitting down, taking a pen, and putting it to paper. Or if you work on a laptop, you know, to just start doing it and pursuing it with a certain kind of rigor. There are all sorts of interesting or tantalizing details that one observes in one's life every time you take a walk or get on



► Jordan Gelber and Donna Murphy star in "Dark Horse."

Q&A

Abe seems in line with this favorite character of the moment — the man-child — that is seen in all the Judd Apatow films. What got you interested in that?

Well, I didn't really think going into it that I was going to do a "man-child," it just worked out that way. In some sense, I've had children in all my films — and so in a sense, this is just an embodiment of another child. I set out to do a boy-meets-girl movie, and that's what happened.

the subway. But it's really not until one starts trying to suss out the shape of a story that one begins to understand what is it that one is trying to do.

Some of the humor in "Dark Horse" is derived from Abe's love of sickly-sweet pop music. Can you talk about including that?

It was very much inspired by the sensibility of "American Idol," the sense [that] this is a character who's in his 30s and yet still clings to his adolescence. And that music is emblematic of adolescence — the kind of high hopes and cheerful enthusiasm and optimism as well as the kinds of heart-break that is well-known to

teens. It seemed to be a nice counterpoint and at the same time a kind of embodiment of his own pathology.

Out of all the characters you've created, are there any that you think you would actually enjoy being around?

Who I would enjoy having dinner with? I would certainly have a lovely dinner with Abe's parents. And also Selma Blair's character. I'm sure we would have a very nice evening out together. But I don't know. I don't know that Abe and I would have a lot to connect with.

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TV watch list

'Barter Kings'

REALITY. Who needs cash when you — or these guys, at least — can trade for pretty much every-

thing they want and/or need?
Series premiere, 9 p.m., A&E

'Thorne'

MINISERIES. David Morrissey will soon step into the iconic role of The Governor on Season 3 of "The Walking Dead." But get acquainted with the actor now in

the British miniseries "Thorne," a taut thriller in which he plays a brooding detective whose skills are tested by a twisted serial killer. **8 p.m., Encore**

'Franklin & Bash'

DRAMA. Jane Seymour guest stars as Bash's indecisive mom.



► "The Next Big Thing: NY"

10 p.m., TNT

'The Next Big Thing: NY'

REALITY. The title of this new reality series refers to performance coach Trapper Felides shaping bright young stars. But considering the reality TV trend focused

on delusional stage parents, we're guessing it's a bossy mom who's going to break out on this show. **Series premiere, 11 p.m., Oxygen**

'Dance Moms'

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The Queen Extravaganza: They are the champions

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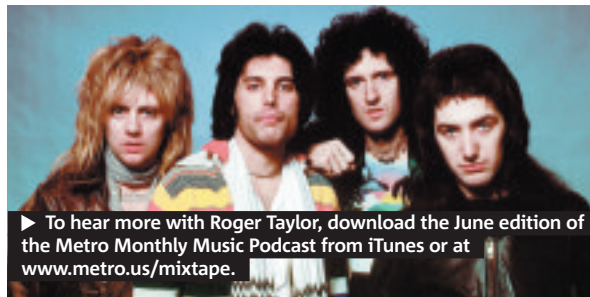
This is Martel. Notice how much he looks like Freddie Mercury!

"I've heard a lot about those clips," he says. "I have not seen them, but I know the technology involved."

He can probably guess where we're going with this. "I can, I think," counters Taylor, whose most famous collaborator, Freddie Mercury, died in 1991. So would Taylor and Queen's still active guitarist Brian May be open to the idea of playing with a hologram?

"I would not like to perform with a hologram of Freddie," he says definitively. "Brian and [I] looked at the possibility of putting a hologram in our show in London, 'We Will Rock You.'"

Ultimately the pair decided not to use a hologram for that production or for their latest endeavor. Instead, Taylor and May are putting their efforts into the very human Queen Extravaganza, a group which includes two guitarists, a bassist,



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a drummer and four vocalists, all found through an online audition search. One of the main singers, Marc Martel, has particularly moved Taylor. "I was sitting down writing something, facing away from the stage yesterday, and Mark was singing 'Bohemian Rhapsody,' and I had chills down my spine," he says. "It was as if Freddie was in the room."

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During recent public and radio appearances, audiences haven't interrogated Sarah Lawrence-Lightfoot about her latest book, "Exit: The Endings That Set Us Free," so much as offer their confessions to the Harvard sociology professor. The author's latest is a collection of intimate interviews with people from all walks of life, all of whom discuss longing, leaving and letting go, and Lawrence-Lightfoot claims that even at cocktail parties, people feel compelled to share their stories of exit. Without pretension, she says the book provokes that. "When people bring the book to have me sign it, the lines take forever because everyone has to tell their story," she laughs. "They're telling stories that are particular to them but obviously universal — about the death of a parent or a child, losing work, divorce, bullying."

In what could be an infinitely long book on the topic of finality, Lawrence-Lightfoot narrowed four dozen stories down



to 11, according to "which held the most poignancy, particularly as they were paired one with the other and [those that], if we look through the lens of exit, allowed us to see some fundamental human experience differently." She breaks down the encounters with her subjects — a gay activist, an Iranian ex-pat and a former priest, to name a few — into six categories: tales of finding and embracing our home, voice, freedom, wounds, yearning and grace.

These abstract ideas, which

seem more in line with a self-help manual than a sociological survey, become solidified in each of the storyteller's shared experiences. Lawrence-Lightfoot gleans wisdom from their exits, yet the book never solicits direct advice. "The lessons are embroidered [into the stories]," she contends. "They aren't presented as didactic prescriptions." Additionally, she highlights the anchoring analogies her interviewees use to describe their complex exits — like "peeling an onion," "joining the dance," "a merry-go-round" — mnemonic tools that resonate in their simplicity.

But the aim of the narratives isn't only that we recall and compare past endings in our own lives; it's also to "reframe" how we perceive exits, to call attention to why it is that they've occurred before looking out for the next beginning. Lawrence-Lightfoot urges readers to attend to the moment of exit and "use [it] as a moment of reflection,

as a moment of propulsion." Being purposeful and aware of how we make even the smallest ritual exits can be helpful "as we get ourselves prepared to make the larger exits in our lives."

Finishing this book marks a momentous ending for Lawrence-Lightfoot. In its wake, she must confront an "intergenerational" exit — accepting her children's independence while still participating in their lives — as well as how to gracefully end her four-decade career at Harvard. Like the exits her subjects recount, she anticipates that her own will be layered. "I know there will be a lot of pain and loss, as well as liberation and relief." The book has also forced her to think about the next chapter in a literal sense. "What do you write after a book called 'Exit'?" she asks. So long as she gives a voice to the stories we're hungry to tell, the possibilities are endless.

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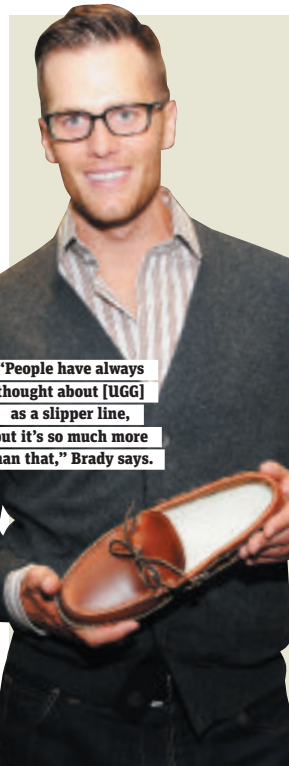


Tom Brady shows love for his UGGs

We didn't think men were into UGG boots, but apparently they are — so much so that the Australian shoe brand just launched its first UGG for Men store on Madison Avenue. The shop stocks footwear (with and without the signature shearling), outerwear, accessories and a collection of leather items for dudes. On hand at last week's grand opening was the new face of UGG for Men, Patriots quarterback (and self-proclaimed "slipper guy") Tom Brady, who sang to us his praises for manly UGGs.

"At some point you just have to say, whatever you're comfortable with doing, enjoy it."

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Gotta ask you about your Met Gala hairdo — it got some mixed reactions. Whose idea was it?

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Will you grow your hair long again?

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Catelynn and Tyler talk 'Teen Mom'

Since first appearing on MTV's "16 and Pregnant," Michigan-based duo Catelynn Lowell and Tyler Baltierra have shared the highs and lows of their decision to put their daughter Carly, now 3, up for adoption. Now the engaged twosome are back for the final season of "Teen Mom," and they told us what we can expect from them this season and beyond.

What's on tap for this season?

Catelynn: A lot of stressful things go on. In my story, [Tyler's dad] Butch and my mom get into a very severe thing and it's not good.

Tyler: But we also get to —
Catelynn: See Carly again. We have a breakdown afterward.

Tyler: That was much needed because we haven't —

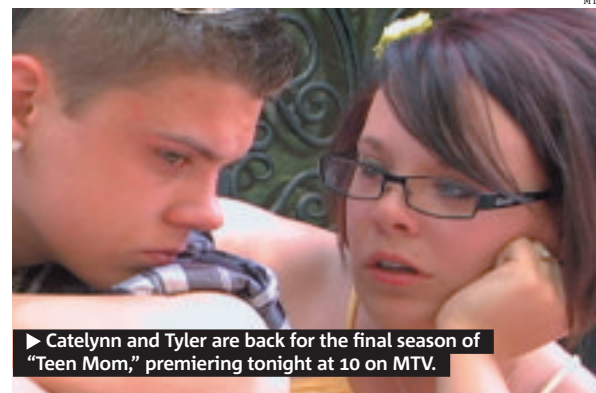
Catelynn: Cried in a long time.
What will your relationship with her be like in the future?

Tyler: At a certain age, we're gonna let her make the decision: [Do] you wanna continue the visits that you've had with us, or do you just wanna live your life? It would be really hard for me and Catelynn if Carly decided [she was] better off not seeing us, but I think it should be her decision.

Will Carly be at your wedding?

Catelynn: We are hoping. We're gonna ask and just see.

Tyler: I really want her there. I really feel that Carly's the rea-



► Catelynn and Tyler are back for the final season of "Teen Mom," premiering tonight at 10 on MTV.

Nobody's perfect

A lot of viewers say you're their favorite couple. Do you feel pressure to be the perfect couple for your audience?

► **Tyler:** Absolutely not. I mean, yes, we have a very good relationship, and I think communication is the thing that keeps us so strong. I don't

hold anything back: You're pissing me off, I'm gonna tell you — and vice versa.

► **Catelynn:** We are a good couple. We're not perfect. We still bicker.

► **Tyler:** We bicker, we get on each other's nerves. People are like "Oh, they're so perfect." And no, we're not, I'll tell you that.

son why we work so hard to keep our relationship strong, and if it wasn't for her, we wouldn't be getting married.

Did you ever second-guess your decision to choose adoption?

Catelynn: Of course you always miss her, and you always want her in your life, but if I did par-

ent, I probably wouldn't be where I am now. I probably wouldn't have graduated high school [or] have my own house. **Tyler:** [The] decisions you make guide your destiny.

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► Toys

A sick playmate can easily pass along a cold just by handling toys. If you know your baby's buddy was ill, be sure to wash the toys well.

► The crib railings

Viruses can linger on surfaces for hours. When your baby or someone else in the family is sick with a cold or a stomach virus, use an antiseptic wipe



► Wash your baby's toys after they come in contact with a sick playmate.

on places your infant comes into contact with often, such as the railings.

► The floor

To make sure dirt, pesticides and other residue aren't tracked in, keep shoes and pets out of your baby's bedroom, especially if he or she uses the floor for tummy time.

► The doorknob and light switch

You probably touch both of these after changing your baby's diaper, so sanitize them daily with a wipe or a cleaner — and always wash your hands after touching a dirty diaper, or use hand sanitizer in a pinch. **RACHEL MORRIS**

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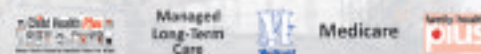
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Changing the eating habits of America's youth

Our nation's childhood obesity problem is really an epidemic: One in three American children are overweight or obese, according to the American Heart Association. We asked Tracie McMillan, author of "The American Way of Eating," for ideas that are out of the (junk food) box.

How do you change bad eating habits?

This idea that we're going to get through to people by criticizing them for the food they choose — you can be right all you want, but I don't think anyone's going to listen. Share what you're excited about. That makes people open to change.

How can we change the stigma of healthy eating as something that only the wealthy can afford to do? Part of what makes eating healthily feel like it's for elites is that elites have the money to



▶ McMillan

pay someone else to do things for them. Cooking is the most important key to self-sufficiency. It's important to know how to cook well enough so that you don't have to rely on boxes. Hamburger Helper is actually more expensive than making it from scratch. Why not set up something in advance that's



just as easy, cheaper and better for you? People get so stressed out that they don't think about what they're making. Do you fix that by making better Hamburger Helper, or do you empower people to know how to cook on their own?

What are ways to encourage people with low incomes to choose to shop at farmers markets versus chain stores?

The business model of farmers markets makes it hard for working-class folks to go because their work schedules tend to be more erratic than professionals with office jobs. That said, there are matching incentive programs for people who use food stamps. Farmers

[should consider] doing an item-by-item comparison between supermarket flyers and prices at the market. The general perception is that if the farmer's market is too expensive, it's better to save the hassle and go to the supermarket. What if there's a way to show that the markup is literally five cents a pound at the farmers market for something that's fresher? That kind of information isn't out there.

What are some key items you suggest to buy direct and fresh that fit into a small budget?

If you change the way that you cook with meat, you can afford to buy fine quality. I use meat as seasoning. I buy high-quality bacon, because it's a great way to give a better heft to the taste of beans. Also, go to a place where they'll sell the backs and neck of chickens, which are cheap and great for making stock. [It] will make rice and vegetables taste phenomenal and filling. And [buy] produce in season. In tomato season, you can get insane amounts of them cheap. I puree and freeze things — not everything has to be super fresh. Be strategic about what you can afford.



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▶ It's a tall order, but experts are pushing for reform ▶ Start the process at home — how about with a family dinner tonight?



▶ In May, Kelly Meyer and the American Heart Association worked to create a new Teaching Garden for students at Harlem's KIPP Infinity Charter School.

Grow your own

Founded in 2010 by environmentalist Kelly Meyer, the American Heart Association's Teaching Gardens teaches elementary school students the how and why of healthy eating. A 35-week curriculum guides students in the classroom and out. Outdoors, children learn how to plant and maintain a vegetable garden. Parents and school administrators can visit www.heart.org/teachinggardens to learn more before e-mailing teachinggardens@heart.org to begin

the application process.

More of the do-it-yourself type? Burpee Home Gardens offers a free, comprehensive "I Can Grow" guide on its website (www.burpeehomegardens.com) with tips for starting and sustaining an edible garden for kids.

Plus, Burpee sponsors an "I Can Grow" contest each year for school or community gardens, with grand prize winners receiving up to 500 seedling plants and \$2,500 in garden supplies and layout help from Burpee experts. Information about the 2013 program will be available this summer.

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Everyone's invited to the party

RE: "PARTY LOYALTY SEEMS A BIT OUT OF WHACK": Since Joseph Connell misstated the Republican Party platform to make it seem like Leah Thompson's loyalty was poorly placed, let me correct a few things. First, the Republican Party wants lower taxes for everyone, not just "the top 0.1 percent." Did Mr. Connell forget that the Bush tax cuts that Obama extended were for everyone? Second, Republicans don't want to "end the social safety net," they want to change the entitlement programs to make them sustainable and reduce government waste and fraud in the social safety net. We don't have an endless supply of money to continue paying for the entitlement

programs in their current form forever. Lastly, Republicans don't want companies "to poison and exploit our children." They want smart regulation, not over-regulation. Contrary to what some people believe, all regulation is not good regulation or even necessary. Even President Obama ordered a review of regulations on Jan. 18, 2011, to reduce "the costs of cumulative regulations." Mr. Connell, at least get the facts straight before trying to disparage someone for supporting the Republican party.

SAM KHOURY, VIA E-MAIL

Sweatin' to the old regimes

RE: "LIBERALS WANT US ALL IN SWEATSHOPS": I suspect Richie Tiemann is deliberately mis-

understanding the point about sweatshops. No one in their right mind would work under those conditions, unless it was the only option besides starvation. Tragically, that's the choice facing much of the residents of many countries where Tiemann's preferred policies are in place. Tiemann's lack of empathy is appalling.

JOSEPH CONNELL, BROOKLYN

"The president finally said he supports gay marriage after all his time in office."

The fact of the matter is that merely supporting something verbally does not in itself change anything. Why do people fall for such

rhetoric? Should one assume that words are all we need to further our causes?!

PETER MOLLE, VIA E-MAIL

Don't forget, Sunday is Father's Day

RE: "FATHERS NEED TO SUPPORT THEIR BABIES": This is in response to Cher Hearn's letter about fathers needing to support their babies. There are plenty of fathers who do take care of their kids. But it's also the case that some vindictive mothers deprive their kids' fathers from seeing or taking care of them. They claim they're the victim or the father walked out. Little does she know that some mothers dangle the kids and threaten the fathers. They say they can't see their kids if they don't get back together with them or they want more money for child support (the court takes 17 percent from the father's paycheck). The court thinks the mother is fit to take care of the kids.

YVETTE CASANOVA, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

II Gemini May 21-June 20. It behooves you to try to reduce your expenses when it comes to nonessential interests. If you really mean business, you won't make any purchases or commitments that you can't afford.

Cancer June 21-July 22. Be able to determine the difference between aggressiveness and assertiveness. Attempting to bulldoze your way through situations that affect your career will only make matters worse.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22. Don't be so quick to believe everything that you hear. Information that comes to you from questionable sources could be distorted or biased — or both.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. If you hope to profit in some manner at the expense of another, examine your motives and have one heck of a good reason. Operating along the wrong lines will derail you.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. When in a partnership arrangement, have an understanding in advance as to who is responsible for what. Without any ground rules, the venture could veer off course.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Fail to approach your work in a positive manner and you'll make what you

have to do much more difficult then it actually is. Make sure that every detail is covered, but smile.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. If you knowingly go against the odds, don't be surprised if you have to pay the consequences. Lady Luck isn't likely to be around when you need her the most.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. Let sleeping dogs lie — and don't bring up any old, unresolved domestic issues when everyone is trying to relax. It could open Pandora's box.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. Even if you think the criticism you're offering is very constructive, the recipient of your remarks might feel differently and deeply resent your input. Judge not, lest ye be judged.

Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. Financial conditions are likely to be a mixed bag for you at this juncture.

Aries March 21-April 19. There is likely to be far too much outside interference for you to do your job as smoothly as you like. Throwing a fit won't solve a thing, but it can make matters worse.

Taurus April 20-May 20. If you allow yourself to be influenced by past events, it could put a damper on fresh developments. Obsessing over yesterdays only inhibits new successes.

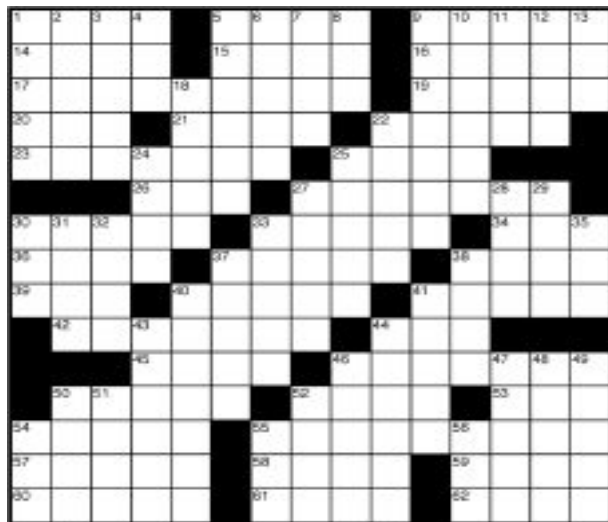
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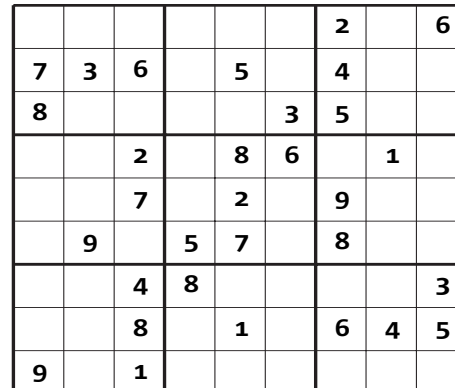
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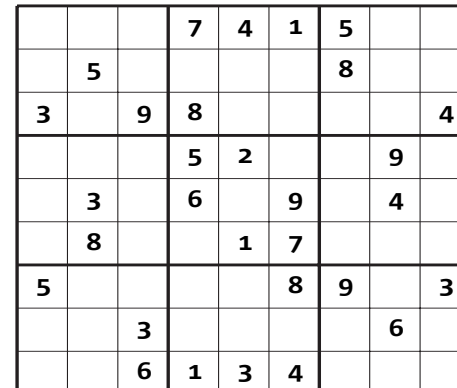
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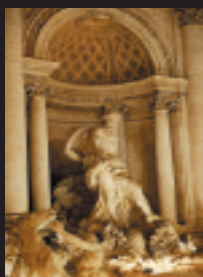
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Travel news



Trevi Fountain loses pieces, alarm raised for monument

Several decorative pieces have fallen off the Trevi Fountain in Rome, raising the alarm that one of the eternal city's most famous structures needs a new major restoration. Over the weekend, a few stone laurel leaves fell from the top frieze of the fountain, which marks the terminal point of one of the aqueducts that brought drinking water to ancient Rome.

The basin of the fountain was figured prominently in films such as "La Dolce Vita," "Roman Holiday" and "Three Coins in the Fountain." Rome's city counselor for culture asked for funds to protect the fountain from any more damage and said another full-scale restoration was needed. The last major restoration of the fountain was 20 years ago. **REUTERS**

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Georgia on my mind

► Not the southern state you're thinking of — but the Georgia on the other side of the world has just as many treasures ► It's a gorgeous escape, offering a rich history with ancient villages and beautiful landscapes

Georgia is an undiscovered gem. As it's relatively small, it's easy to absorb its rich mix of history, culture, nature, adventure, food and wine in one trip.

The Georgian countryside is simply gorgeous. The massive snow-capped Caucasus Mountains along the northern border feed raging rivers that carve steep valleys, clothed in dense forests. In the summer, Georgia's mountains are a paradise for hikers, especially the Borjomi National Park, and the Kazbegi and Svaneti regions. There are routes for all abilities; some even challenge experts. The rivers have top-class white water rafting routes and there's also great horse riding, mountain biking and, in the winter, skiing and snowboarding.

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If it's city life you seek, then the capital, Tbilisi, will not disappoint: It's an easy-going capital that mixes modern and old, packed with monuments, museums, restaurants and bars. On the shores of the Black Sea sits Batumi, Georgia's charming seaside party-town.

The scenery is stunning and varied and the traditional food is delicious. Its fascinating history has left a treasure trove of monuments throughout the land. It is also friendly, safe, and cheap: little wonder that Georgia is finally gaining a deserved reputation as a must-visit destination.

Travel tips

► **Georgian wine tasting:** Taste the true tradition of Georgian wines at Pheasant's Tears, which is the only commercial vineyard using the ancient method of fermenting wine in huge clay pots called qvevri. www.pheasantsteers.com

► **Homestays:** Outside of Tbilisi there are few hotels, but there are a wealth of homestays — private homes where the guests have their own room and are given an evening meal

and breakfast by the host. The Georgian Tourist Office publishes a list of the best ones. www.georgia.travel

► **Fly to the mountains:** The most beautiful places in the Caucasus Mountains are often very remote. It is part of their appeal, but traveling to them can involve long journeys on twisting narrow roads. Treat yourself and fly instead. Vanilla Sky offers several aircraft and helicopter trips into the mountains. www.vanillasky.ge

Top 3: Ancient

villages

1 Ushguli : Said to be the highest permanently settled village in Europe, it has more than 20 ancient Svan stone towers and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

2 Mutso: Hidden up a remote valley sit 30 fortified buildings clinging to the steep slopes of a narrow ridge. Although all

now abandoned, the village and the views from it are spectacular.

3 Vardzia: The cave city of Vardzia was a religious settlement that once housed 2,000 monks in rooms carved out of the rockface. It covers 13 levels, connected by stone steps with the Church of the Assumption at its center.

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2 Logitech wireless touchpad

Why We Like It: This handy five-inch touchpad lets you do everything your mouse does, plus a ton more. Based on tapping and swiping with one to four fingers, you can point, click, drag and drop, scroll, minimize windows and switch applications. Best of all, a tiny receiver gives it wireless capabilities, with a range of up to 25 meters from your computer. It also has good battery life, so you can mouse around for months before having to refresh.



3 Echo Smartpen

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Peterson, a rising senior at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, is one of the hottest new products in corporate America's supply chain: a kind of futures contract on high-skill labor. Faced with a wave of retiring engineers and scientists and the need for precise expertise, U.S. companies are reaching into colleges to make contact with students far earlier than they ever have.

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cation from day one," said Rick Stephens, senior vice president of human resources and administration at Boeing. "So when they show up at the first job, not only can they find information, not only can they develop it, they can do real work."

While companies have for decades funded research and recruited at institutions of higher learning, they now are more involved in what students do in some four-year technical programs. They are making rec-

ommendations on curricula and influencing students' skills as early as sophomore year, said Amy Slaton, a professor of history at Drexel University in Philadelphia. While Slaton says she worries universities are becoming too vocational, students interviewed for this story weren't complaining.

Peterson, the Virginia Tech student, said he structured his course work toward specializations that Boeing and GE need. Aurel Lazar, 21, changed his focus when he learned more in his Georgia Tech classes about the computer industry. After graduation, he took a job with Microsoft. "The major tech companies will come to the school and talk about their research almost every week," he said. "Microsoft and Google are practically part of the College of Computing." **BLOOMBERG**

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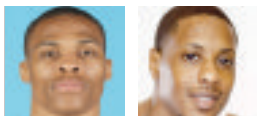


Kevin Durant vs. LeBron James

The scoop: They probably won't be matched up on defense as much as we'd like, but these two might be the top 2 players in the league. Both will score in bunches, but which one makes the biggest shots with the game on the line?

Serge Ibaka vs. Chris Bosh

The scoop: The best shot-blocker in the NBA versus maybe the most versatile low-post scorer. Ibaka is great at help defense, so Bosh should stick to his face-up game whenever possible. Don't bother playing the tough guy by going right at Ibaka. If Bosh sticks to his short jumper, he'll be fine.



Russell Westbrook vs. Mario Chalmers

The scoop: Two guys who came from the same draft class in 2008. There's a reason Westbrook was a high first-rounder and Chalmers went in the second. Chalmers will make a 3-pointer here and there, but Westbrook is capable of going for 30 with regularity.

Thabo Sefolosha vs. Dwyane Wade

The scoop: Sefolosha will have the sad duty of trying to guard Wade. Sefolosha is quickly becoming one of the NBA's best perimeter defenders. But D-Wade is a proven NBA champion.



OKC bench vs. Miami bench

The scoop: James Harden. James Harden. How does Miami counter his production alone? It won't be easy. They'll need to get something out of Mike Miller and Shane Battier.

ON TV TODAY

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WELCOME TO THE SHOW

► Durant, James highlight what should be epic NBA Finals ► Pair played against each other in offseason ► Both looking for elusive, first NBA title

With all apologies to Boston and San Antonio, this is what everyone wanted. The fans. The commissioner. The players themselves.

"It's only right," LeBron James said of the Heat and Thunder meeting in the NBA Finals. "It's only right."

James is the NBA MVP, a three-time league MVP actually. On the other side stands Kevin Durant, a three-time scoring champion. They might be the two best basketball players in the world.

"It's not about Kevin and LeBron," said Thunder coach Scott Brooks. "Individually, they're the best players in the league. But it's always about the Thunder against the Heat."

Sorry, coach. Even if Durant and James don't guard each other often, this series is still very much about Kevin and LeBron.

The two

'Humbled' to be back in NBA Finals

LeBron James admitted yesterday that he let his teammates down last year. He averaged just 17.6 points against Dallas in the NBA Finals.

"I'm happy and I'm humbled that I can actually be back in this position less than 12 months later and to do a better job of making more plays on a bigger stage," James told reporters.

Quoted

"We didn't come here to win one championship ... not two, not three, not four, not five, not six, not seven ..."

LEBRON JAMES, SHORTLY AFTER SIGNING WITH MIAMI

imagined this day in the offseason, when they competed against one another in a four-day series of workouts that they dubbed "Hell Week." James and Durant walked away from that with a mutual respect. Now, they are set to meet again, on the biggest stage: the NBA Finals. Not even Martin Scorsese could have scripted this any better.

"I envisioned it every day

we worked out," James said. "I understood what his [Durant's] passion was. I understood what his drive was."

James is the man everyone loves to hate. With his perceived cockiness and bravado, he'll be picked apart each time he disappears in the fourth quarter. Meanwhile, Durant enters as the fresh face, a player very much in tune with his surroundings. And representing a small market like Oklahoma City only adds to his likeability.

"The city is just so laid-back and quiet, and that's the type of person I am and it fits me well," Durant told reporters. "It's just a perfect place to be."

James and the Heat are invading that sleepy town tonight (9 p.m., ABC), in Game 1 of the NBA Finals. As the eyes and ears of the hoops world turn to Oklahoma City, expect a lot of things.

Just don't expect it to be quiet. ● METRO

By the numbers

1-1

Heat and Thunder split two games in regular season, both winning at home.

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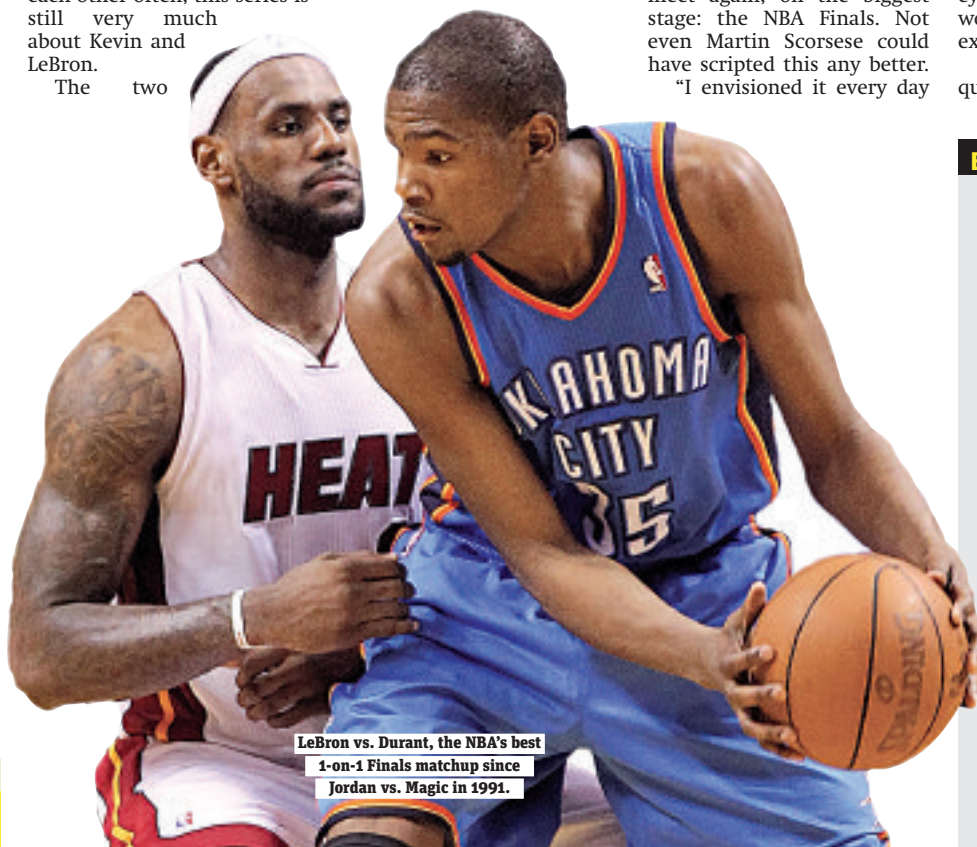
Shooting percentage for LeBron James vs. Boston. He averaged 33.6 points.

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Points for Kevin Durant this season, tops in the NBA.

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Points for LeBron James this season, second in NBA.



LeBron vs. Durant, the NBA's best 1-on-1 Finals matchup since Jordan vs. Magic in 1991.

What went wrong ...

1 Burned by Bernier — Steve Bernier was a key component in the Devils' run to the Stanley Cup final. He's one-third of the Devils' strong fourth line that had two goals and seven points in 22 playoff games. But his first period game misconduct for boarding Rob Scuderi gave the Kings a five-minute power play.

2 Killer penalty — The Devils had the best penalty kill during the regular season. But in a must-kill penalty, the penalty killers killed any chance that hockey would be played at the Rock Wednesday night. Dustin Brown, Jeff Carter and Trevor Lewis scored in a 2:02 span after the Bernier major.

3 Watch out! — The second period had just started and the Devils were trailing 3-0. Enter Pierre Racicot. The veteran linesman collided with Anton Volchenkov in the right faceoff circle opening a passing lane for Dustin Brown. Jeff Carter's snap shot over Martin Brodeur made it 4-0. ● METRO/DG

EIGHT IS ENOUGH

► No. 8 seed Kings win Stanley Cup for first time in franchise history
► Devils blown away, 6-1, in Game 6 ► Quick wins Conn Smythe trophy

The 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs can rest easy.

Their inconceivable comeback from 0-3 to Stanley Cup champions in the final will go unmatched for another spring as the Devils' season ended in the Staples Center last night.

The Devils were routed, 6-1, by the Kings in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup final. The Kings won the series four games to two.

Jeff Carter and Trevor Lewis each scored two goals and Dustin Brown and Matt Greene added one apiece for the Kings, who won the first Cup in franchise history. Goalie Jonathan Quick made 17 saves and was named the Conn Smythe trophy winner as playoff MVP.

Adam Henrique scored the Devils' lone goal. Martin Brodeur made 19 saves.

The Devils are now 3-2 in five Stanley Cup final appearances dating back to 1995.

If Game 6 was the epilogue to the Devils' dynasty, it was a wholly unfulfilling conclusion. They entered the first intermission trailing 3-0 due to power play goals off the sticks of Brown, Carter and Lewis following Steve Bernier's game misconduct for boarding Rob Scuderi. The hit blooded the



► Conn Smythe winner Jonathan Quick throws his hands to the sky after the Kings won Game 6.

Kings' defenseman.

Carter's second goal of the game came 90 seconds into the second period to push the advantage to 4-0 and end the season for all intents and purposes.

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Brodeur, Parise face free agency

While the Devils try to regroup from an ugly Stanley Cup Game 6 loss in the short term, they have huge questions in the long term.

Two of their top stars, Martin Brodeur and Zach Parise, are both free agents this offseason. Brodeur, 40, has hinted, if not outright said, he would like to return to play for the Devils. Parise has been more silent on his future.

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